

The Preeminence of the Lord Jesus Christ! First "His Person."

"The Word" In Ages Past

He was "The Word" in ages past, and a member of the God Head and the Trinity. The Trinity defines the mystery of God, as Spirit, Soul and Body. Therefore, as a member of the Trinity, "The Word" was most likely the body portion of the Trinity and therefore in the express image of the invisible God, both as the Great Creator and Redeemer.

"The Word Made Flesh"

The Lord Jesus Christ presently bears the title of "The Firstborn from the dead." This title followed His incarnation becoming "The Word made flesh" as the "Only Begotten Son" of the Father. Following His vicarious death, burial, and resurrection, His official title became "The Firstborn from the dead." As the God Man, He continued as the "Word made flesh," as provisionally joined unto the redeemed, as His "Mystical Body" and "Mystical Bride."

The Mystery of Christ As "The Firstborn of all creation."

The mystery of Christ's title as "The Firstborn of all creation," prior to His incarnation, death, burial, and resurrection, and receiving the title as "The Firstborn from the dead," was hidden in the mind, foreknowledge, and counsels of the God Head. This began with the origin of the first creation, both invisible and visible. They were created with God's foreknowledge that a portion of His creation would experience a fall through "The Mystery of Iniquity." Within God's mind and foreknowledge, He elected to bring forth the first creation predicated upon His foreknowledge of His greater redemptive plan, wherein Christ as the God Man would become "The Firstborn from the dead" and "Head of a New Creation." Therefore, God projected that the fallen portion of His creation could elect to become partakers into His redemptive plan becoming a new creation through the Person and Work of Christ. Therefore, the great revelation,

couched in the Epistle to the Colossians is that the Godhead planned and purposed the greater plan of redemption before time and creation.

Christ's Future Title as "The Firstborn of all creation."

The above revelation encompasses incredible depths, breadths, lengths, and heights of wisdom and knowledge and demands believers to become expanded in their minds regarding creation and especially redemption. These depths and heights will be fully manifested when Christ as, "The Firstborn from the dead," is finally joined by His glorified "Mystical Body and Bride." This union will be defined as "The Fulness of Christ." However, His title as "Firstborn of all creation," will reach full consummation when the remaining unfallen creation, both invisible and visible, pass through the redemptive work of Christ and all things will become new, according to Revelation 21. (Heb 9:23) "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these."

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